

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 27 are amended. Claims 29 and 30 are added.

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Applicants' Attorney, Christian Nicholes, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Dangelino Gortayo and Primary Examiner Debbie Lee on January 16, 2007. During the interview, the Applicant's Attorney explained that, even if data are stored in a database according to an "optimized" **relational** schema, it does not logically follow that these data are thereby made to conform to a different **XML schema** (or DTD) than the XML schema (or DTD) to which the data originally conformed. Unfortunately, agreement as to the allowability of Claims 1 and 2 was not reached during the interview.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated, allegedly, by U.S. Patent No. 7,031,956 ("Lee"). The rejections are traversed, respectfully, for the reasons discussed in the aforementioned telephone interview and in the corresponding agenda which the Applicants' Attorney provided to the Examiner.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner previously indicated that Claims 27 and 28 were directed to allowable subject matter. Although Claims 27 and 28 have been amended in this reply, Claims 27 and 28 still contain all of the features, that prompted the indication of allowability.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 29 and 30 are new claims which recite features that are not disclosed, taught, or suggested in any of the cited art.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

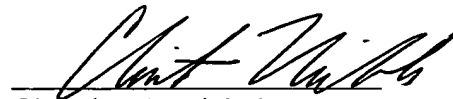
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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